

The Greenfield Community College NEWSLETTER

Spring 1988

EVENTS

APRIL

- 6-**Concert:** Roger Salloom and the Stragglers, 12 noon, Cafeteria.
- 10-**New England Choral Festival**, hosted by GCC, 4:15 p.m. Deerfield Academy
- 12-**Film:** King of Hearts, 12:15, Student Lounge, also on 4/13 at 12 noon
- 13-**Cardiovascular Awareness Day**, displays and information available, sponsored by Health Services, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lobby.
- 13-**Student Art Show Reception**, GCC's annual big bash salute to its student artists, 7 p.m., Art FSM
- 15-17 **Spring Trip to New York City**, contact Student Activities for info
- 22- **Lecture:** Richard Little, professor of geology, will speak on "Dinosaurs, Dunes and Drifting Continents: The Geohistory of the Connecticut River Valley," part of the Aspects of the Academy series, 12 noon, Lecture Hall
- 22- **WORLD PREMIERE:** "Always Emily," an opera about Emily Dickinson, will premiere at 8 p.m. in S01
- 26-**Film:** Raising Arizona, 7 p.m., Lecture Hall, also on 4/27

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- 6-**Annual Tribute to Archibald MacLeish**, area poets will

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Julius Lester to speak at graduation, June 5

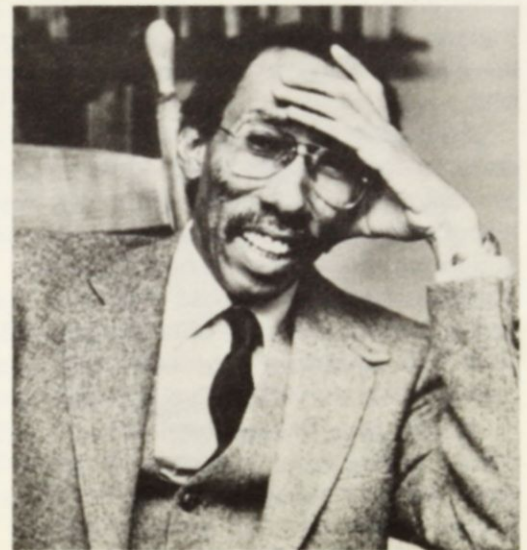
Distinguished author, commentator and scholar Julius Lester will give the keynote address at commencement ceremonies at Greenfield Community College, Sunday, June 5 at 1 p.m.

Lester is a faculty member of the Department of Afro-American Studies, as well as the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Program at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. From 1982 through 1984, he served as acting director and associate director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University.

He is the only University faculty member to be awarded all three of the University's most prestigious faculty awards: the Distinguished Teacher's Award, the Faculty Fellowship Award for Distinguished Research and Scholarship, and the Chancellor's Medal, the University's highest honor.

Since 1968 he has published 15 books, eight of fiction, six of non-fiction and one of poetry.

Among the awards he has received for his writing are the Carroll Shelf Award, American Library Association Notable Book, and the New York Times Outstanding Book. He has also been a finalist in the



Julius Lester

National Book Awards. His works have been translated into seven languages.

Julius Lester was born in 1939, and spent his youth in the Midwest and the South. He received a B.A. in English from Fisk University in 1960.

Lester's most recent book is "Lovesong: Becoming a Jew," an autobiographical account of his conversion to Judaism. The spring of 1988 will mark the publication of "The Further Adventures of Brer Rabbit," the second of four volumes retelling Joel Chandler Harris's Uncle Remus Tales.

College hosts New England Choral Festival

Chorus groups from community and junior colleges around New England will participate in the New England Choral Festival hosted by GCC, on April 10.

Festival participants this year will include Cape Cod, Holyoke, Rhode Island and Mattatuck community colleges, as well as Bay Path Junior College.

Each school will present short representative selections from its spring 1988 concert program.

At the conclusion of the individual

school programs, the festival participants will assemble for a combined chorus offering. This year the 200 voices will sing "Cry Out and Shout," Mendelssohn's "He Watching Over Israel," and for the finale, Randall Thompson's "Choose Something Like a Star."

George Soulos, director of music at GCC, is coordinating the festival activities. The event begins at 4:15 p.m. at Deerfield Academy in Old Deerfield, and the public is invited to attend.

Health Awareness Days to get national recognition

Health Service director Nancy Buchanan and nurse Susan McCarthy, are going west in May to tell health service professionals from around the country the success story of GCC's Health Awareness Days.

The two will travel to Denver for the American College Health Association Conference, where they will give a presentation about using local community services in college health education efforts.

Educating an audience of college students about current health topics is no easy task, particularly when the school is a commuter college made up of students of varying ages, schedules and responsibilities. Buchanan and McCarthy have created an effective program that combines information with entertainment and interactive displays.

Health Awareness Days have provided information to hundreds of students and community members on such diverse health topics as heart disease and cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, drug abuse, and chronic pain.

Each awareness day has been successful in its own way, according to Buchanan. Love Carefully Day, which drew media attention from around the country, was certainly the most high profile of these events, but the recent Pain Day, with guest Bonnie Prudden, drew the most people, she says.

Health Awareness Days began six years ago as a health lecture series, which focused on issues of self-care, fitness and stress management. Buchanan says she chooses her topics and the approach of the day by looking at the current health literature "in terms of what you can do for yourself."

While the subjects may remain the same from year to year, the approach to the subject may vary. Last year's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Day, for example, focused on the abuser, while this year's day focused on the influence of drug and alcohol abuse on family relationships.

Buchanan says the program's success reflects the contributions of the entire community.

"Even though our budget is low, everyone contributes," she says. "The Nursing Department, Media Center, Central Services, the Division of Continuing Education, the local hospitals. We've even had the Greenfield Police Chief here serving non-alcoholic drinks."

"Community resource groups like the programs because the students are here, and they don't have to set up tables downtown and hope that people will come," McCarthy adds.

"And," she says with a laugh, "we give prizes."

High-tech college search

Students interested in transfer to four-year colleges can now conduct a "search" without leaving campus. The "Computer College Search" is a new program in the Student Services Office that enables students to explore college possibilities by size, major, cost, athletic programs, geography and other categories.

College to lose several longtime employees this spring

GCC will lose a bit of its history this semester with the retirement of several longtime employees: Henry Boucher, associate dean of administrative services, Dr. Helen Ellis, professor of English, Shirley Evans, professor of business administration and Harold Parent, painter I.

Dr. Ellis began at GCC in August, 1965, and remembers well the early days of the college, when faculty and students would gather together socially as well as in class.

"I will miss the students more than anything," she said. "I tear my hair out sometimes working with them, but it's so exciting and challenging. Every now and

then you get students with promise, and it's so exciting to watch them grow."

Ellis hopes to spend more time at her home on Cape Cod, and to work on her writing. She may also go back to the classroom occasionally, this time as a student.

Boucher first came to GCC in 1970 as business manager. He hopes to spend some more time with his granddaughter Elizabeth while his daughter is working on her law degree. After getting himself "reorganized," Boucher said he is looking forward to doing some volunteer work in the area.

"Golf will be my number one priority," said Harold Parent. Harold's wife Marion is also retiring from Phoenix Insurance this spring, and the two are looking forward to spending more time with their family. Parent is ending some 17 years of service to the college.

Shirley Evans joined the ranks of the retired February 13, and reports that she is "enjoying life" so far. She began at the college as its senior faculty member in

September, 1962, and taught office administration.

The college community extends its best wishes to all of these staffers and appreciation for their years of dedication to GCC.

MacLeish tribute set for May 6

Paul Mariani of Montague, Joseph Langland of Amherst and Elizabeth Libbey MacLeish of Charlemont are among the local poets who will read their works at this year's tribute to Archibald MacLeish. The tribute is set for Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Lounge at the college.

The evening will also include the reading of posthumously published MacLeish poetry by Seymour Rudin. Bernard Drabeck, a member of the program committee of the Friends organization, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The event is open to the public.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

If there was ever any question about the diversity of the college's student population, the Art Department's recent "Architectural Art Exhibit" answered it. The four students whose works were shown started out in the Art Department at GCC, but have gone on to work in four art-related, but distinctly different fields.

Laurie Frazer-Athony (GCC '81), is currently studying in the interior design program at the University of Massachusetts, and has already won several awards for her designs... **Thomas McCarthy** (GCC '79, Amherst College, UMass), has designed parks, campgrounds, beaches and other recreational facilities that had previously been considered too difficult to access for the disabled. He now works for the state Department of Environmental Management... **D'Ellis "Jeep" Kincannon** went on to study at the Art Students League before serving an apprenticeship in the stone-yard of the Cathedral of St. Johns the Divine in New York City. He is a master carver at the Cathedral... **Charles Wilson Roberts** (GCC '80, Rhode Island School of Design), is an architect with the firm of Herbert S. Newman in New Haven, Ct.

Art Belanger (GCC '80, North Adams State College '82), was named Salesperson of the Year for 1987 at MBS Business Systems in West Springfield. Art lives with his wife Andrea in Holyoke... **William Zwemke** (GCC '80, UMass '82), lives in Gloucester, where he owns a development company... **Lori J. Nelson** (GCC '83, Keene State '87), writes that she is living in Brattleboro and working at the Edge Company as shipping/receiving/quality control manager. She sends regards to **Ellie Goodman**...

In Cajun Country is **Daniel Stein** (GCC '87), who is attending Tulane University... Congratulations to **Reverend Pamela Porter** of Heath, who was ordained an Episcopal priest in January. In a recent Recorder article, Pam cited her participation in a career decision-making course at GCC as one of the steps that helped her make the decision to enter the ministry.

Jackie Hunt Tolzdorf (GCC '84), is now married and has a son. She is working as a real estate agent in Amherst... **Eric Wilson** graduated recently with honors from Temple University. Eric majored in film production...

Becky Jones Boston (GCC '79), is a

general duty nurse at University Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. She received her associates degree in nursing with honors from Florida Junior College in Jacksonville in 1985. She and her husband Gerald Boston have a son, Aaron...

William S. Fairchild III (GCC '81, UMass '85), works for John Hancock Financial Services in Greenfield. He is married to Abbie Schulenberg of San Diego, and the couple and their 10-month-old daughter Hannah now live in Ashfield... **Neal H. and Pamela Washburn** (GCC '85), are living in Nashua, New Hampshire, and both are attending Northeastern University. Both Neal and Pamela work for the MITRE Corporation in Bedford, Mass...

And what's happening in **your** life? Get in touch! Drop a line to "Alumni Update," President's office, GCC, One College Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301.

Foundation awards funds for equipment, programs, and people

At its February meeting, the Greenfield Community College Foundation authorized a number of grants to provide educational equipment and fund activities and programs at the college.

Among the equipment and programs funded were:

- * A satellite dish that will allow the college to receive educational programs
- * A Macintosh computer for the Art Department
- * Several programs featured during International Women's Week at the college in March.

In addition, the Foundation granted funds for the Honors Convivium, set for May 10. Graduating seniors with averages of 3.5 or higher will be honored at the dinner.

Receiving staff development funds from the Foundation this semester are: Anne Wiley, Margaret Craig, Ken Wilson, Ellie Goodman, Linda Cavanaugh, Ira Rubenzahl, Lynn Benander and Gretchen Watson.

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read their work in the college's annual tribute to MacLeish, 7:30 p.m., Fireplace Lounge, open to the public

10-Honors Convivium, annual awards dinner for honor students, keynote speaker: Dr. Helen Ellis, 6 p.m., Cafeteria

13-Last Day of Classes

13-Formal Dinner Dance, 6 p.m., Cafeteria

14-SPRING WEEKEND, concert, barbeque and special events, 1-6 p.m., College Field

JUNE

5-Commencement: Julius Lester, speaker, 1 p.m., College Field



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Larry Buell, director of the Outdoor Leadership Program, and his alter-ego **Lucius Spooner**, a 19th century farmer from Petersham, are both headed for Washington this June, compliments of the Smithsonian Institute. Buell is a finalist in a program which will introduce the culture and traditions of the state of Massachusetts to the rest of the country. For two weeks, he says, "I will be doing my thing" on the lawn of the Smithsonian. If you're in Washington, stop by and see him.

Sue McGowan, **Dave Johnson** and **Garrett McAuliffe** gave a presentation at the National Conference on Student Development at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, on March 10. The Learning Center staffers gave a presentation entitled "Group Supervision for a College Counseling Staff: a Quality Control Tool" at the conference, which was attended by educators and clinicians from colleges and institutions around the country. McAuliffe also attended the National Convention of American College Personnel Association

March 18-23, along with Dean **Hyrum Huskey, Jr.**

Gretchen Watson attended the Southeastern Writing Centers Conference March 3-6.

Rob Yacubian and **Jane Abbott** attended the Annual New England Regional Meeting of the College Board in Boston, Feb. 7-9.

ON THE ROAD...are **Linda Cavanaugh**, **Ira Rubenzahl** and **Lynn Benander**, April 5-10, as they attend the National Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Chicago...**Anne Wiley**, **Phyllis Nahman** and **Mary Ellen Kelly**, attending the National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference in Minneapolis, June 22-26.

CONGRATULATIONS to staff and faculty members who received recent promotions. They are: **Fred Agnir**, **Larry Buell**, **Norma Hillier**, **Hartley Pfeil**, **Jean Simmons**, **Robert Welsh**, **Michael Bathory**, **Ed Dolhenty**, **Richard Little**, **Pam Sacher**, **Herb Steeper**, **Nancy Winter**, **Thomas Boisvert**, **Budge Hyde**, **Phyllis Nahman**, **Ger-**

trude Sheaffer, **Margaret Stein**, and **Tom Young**.

Spring enrollment increases

Dean of Student Affairs **Hyrum H. Huskey, Jr.**, reports that spring enrollment climbed to 1492 students, a 4.7 percent increase over figures for last spring.

The college saw a 7 percent increase in new student applications for the spring 1988 semester and a 4 percent increase in enrollment of new students. There was also a slight increase in the number of returning students.

Dean **Huskey** said the Marketing Planning Group is pleased with the continuing trend, which followed a 3 percent year-to-year increase last fall. However, the group continues to address the demographic issues for the 1989-1995 time frame, in which high school enrollments are expected to decline steadily over a number of years.

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